

LA SALLE COUNTY IS TO PROFIT MOST BY \$60,000,000 ROAD PLAN

**\$1,750,000 WILL COME
HERE FOR CONCRETE
HIGHWAYS**

PASSED BY HOUSE

SENATE WILL APPROVE BILL
THAT CALLS FOR MONSTER
BOND ISSUE—GREATEST BENEFIT
WILL BE DERIVED BY
COUNTY TOWNS.

BULLETIN.

Springfield, Ill., April 12.—The appropriation of \$60,000,000 for a comprehensive good road system in Illinois seemed assured today after the House passed the bond issue bill introduced by Representative Meents, by a vote of 109 to 6. There was small opposition from the House and the trip thru the Senate is expected to be smooth. The issue is to be referred to the people in 1918.

The companion bill, providing for a 50 per cent. increase in automobile licenses in 1919 and another for a 50 per cent. increase in 1920 to retire the bonds and pay interest, also passed.

La Salle county, more than any other county in the state of Illinois, is to be congratulated on account of the passage today of the \$60,000,000 good roads bond measure in the House and Senate at Springfield.

The bill will pass the senate and then will go to the governor for his signature unless there are a few minor matters to be thrashed out in a conference committee between the House and Senate, and when it reaches Governor Lowden there is no doubt but that he will sign the bill immediately.

The State Highway Commission, in the apportionment of the network of trunk lines, which are to crisscross the state, has assigned more improved highways to this county than to any other county in the state. The total mileage for La Salle county reaches one hundred and fifty-two miles, and will represent an expenditure of \$1,750,000.

The La Salle county mileage exceeds that of any other county by over fifty per cent. and results because of the central location of the county in the Illinois valley. The plan of apportionment for La Salle county provides for four main county highways, one extending from the southern boundary of the county thru Streator, along the Bloomington road, thru Ottawa and north on the Freedom road to Leland, intersecting with another cross state road at Sycamore.

Another north and south line will cross the county extending from Mendota south to La Salle and from there south running the entire length of the panhandle. Two east and west lines cross the county, one passing thru the northern tier of townships thru the towns of Leland, Earlville, Troy Grove and Mendota. The other cross-line extends over the Ivy Way from Seneca, on the east, thru Marshall, Ottawa, La Salle and Peru.

The latter cross road is a complete state line running from Chicago to Peoria, and thence to Alton by way of the Illinois valley.

The plan was prepared by State Highway Commissioner W. W. Marr, after a complete digest had been made of all the county surveys and the plans under contemplation for the construction of state aid roads. The only changes made by the House and Senate were a few minor alterations that did not effect the general scheme of apportionment.

MRS. NELLIE BARNARD BURIED YESTERDAY

The funeral services for the late Mrs. Nellie Barnard was held yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Houston, of Jackson street. Rev. Chessman, of the Baptist church, officiated at the services.

The pall bearers were A. D. Simon, M. W. Bach, C. L. Gopen, David Gregg, Milton Waterman and Charles Bowermaster. Burial was in Ottawa avenue cemetery.

Man Killed in Arsenal.

Philadelphia, April 12.—One man was accidentally killed and another probably fatally injured about 10:30 last night when a detonating fuse exploded at the Government arsenal at Frankford, four miles northeast of here. The dead man is J. Miller, the injured man, is dying at the Frankford hospital.

ENTER FINAL ORDER IN LOOP PAVING; BIDS NEXT IN LINE

CONTRACTING FIRMS WILL BE
ASKED TO NAME FIGURES FOR
REPAVING DOWN TOWN DISTRICT—STRAIGHTEN OUT LEGAL QUESTIONS.

By entering a final order covering the final steps legalizing the "loop" paving, the city is now in a position to proceed with letting contracts and getting the work under way. The order was entered before Judge Pritchard at Princeton by City Attorney Taylor Strawn and Attorney R. D. Mills. No opposition was advanced by objectors to block the entry of the final order and, according to some authorities there is nothing remaining to stop the council from getting bids and letting contracts.

That there is a doubt as to what procedure must be followed in this case is admitted by other legal authorities. Some maintain that the city must wait until the objectors have perfected their appeal before proceeding any further with the improvement. It is the intentions of the objectors to carry the case to the supreme court in a hope of winning a reversal of the decree denying them reductions in their assessments.

As soon, however, as the legal points are all thrashed out to the satisfaction of the commissioners there will be no further delay and advertisements will be inserted in Ottawa papers notifying firms of the proposed letting. It is believed that this feature will be disposed of within the next few days.

It will be mid May before bids will be opened, according to some authorities and that means actual work will not be started by the successful bidder until early June. Materials will have to be purchased and received on the grounds here, the much of the tearing up can be disposed of before any bricks are laid.

It is not believed that the city will experience any great difficulty in getting plenty contracting firms to make bids for the job. The engineer's estimates are carefully enough drawn and with all regard to present top notch prices to warrant any contractor a substantial profit should he bid within them.

POLICE AND SHERIFF WORK TOGETHER TO RID OTTAWA OF BUMS

If the police and sheriff's office can prevent there need be no more fear of anti-American plots in Ottawa. Orders have gone into effect to get all bums out of the city and the rounding up process is now in actual operation.

Ottawa housewives who are forced to slam doors in the face of some explosive weary william, can, or will soon be able to, go about her work unmolested of any foreign cares and worries.

Yesterday a sextette of bums, representing all creeds and nationalities, were dragged from their places of seclusion and thence ordered without the gates of the city. They went with them according to Officer Jerry Looney and Deputy Sheriff Arthur Barrett, who engineered the crusade thru the "loop."

Some of the men seized in the drag-net during the day were ancient mariners of the steel and ties. Others were novices, and by the freshness of their wearing apparel were merely giving vent to a nomadic strain that has been handed down to them by wandering and novelty seeking ancestors. All submitted to the rule with ease and equanimity. All walked meekly and submissively to the city's portals and there bade farewell to Ottawa—until they can get in again without being caught.

Not Appreciated.

"Why are you in prison, my good man?" asked the sympathetic visitor. "I wanted to do a deed of kindness, but de law didn't see it dat way." "No?" "I wuz told dat a certain millionaire money wuz a burden to him, an I tried to lighten his burden."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Easily Piqued.

"Ethelinda says she's going away to be a trained nurse." "She has been threatening that for a long time," commented Ethelinda's father.

Get License to Wed.

A marriage license was issued by County Clerk Bach today to C. Herbert White and Miss Nora O'Brien both of Ottawa, and both aged 21 years.

Windows may be kept clear and polished if they are frequently wiped with a piece of chamois. This prevents the dust from caking.

EXTRA

U. S. CAPTAIN PRISONER
ON GERMAN SUBSEA.

Washington, April 12.—Charles W. Willard of Portland Maine, master of the American schooner Marguerite, was reported taken prisoner by a submarine that sunk his vessel in a cablegram from Consul Kemp at Tunis to the state department this afternoon. The crew of 12 was saved after putting in 46 hours in the boats.

The identity of the submarine which gave the warning but refused to tow the schooner's crew was not determined.

THREATENED TO SLAY WIFE AND CHILDREN

NELS SWANSON TAKEN IN CUSTODY—RELEASED AFTER HEARING—WIFE WILL TRY TO SECURE DIVORCE.

Living in great dread for fear that her husband, Nels Swanson, would carry out the threats to kill her and members of their family, Mrs. Swanson last evening caused the arrest of her quarrelsome spouse.

Swanson threatened that he would slay his wife and children with an axe. Last evening at 10:30 o'clock the police were called to the home and Swanson was taken into custody by Captain of Police Charles Montgomery.

He was locked up in the city jail and this afternoon at 1 o'clock was arraigned for hearing before Justice Keogh.

Mrs. Swanson represented that her husband has on several occasions threatened to kill her. Swanson was released on a bond on the promise that he would not go near the home of his wife. Mrs. Swanson stated that she would start proceedings for a divorce, on a charge of cruelty.

SHERIFF BUYS NEW FORD; ISSUES ORDER WARNING FARMERS

Sheriff E. M. Davis has purchased a new—almost slipped for its a flyover—for use of his force about the office, and today warnings are being sent out to all farming communities warning the rural population to get their barns and sheds out of the way until such time as the deputies have gained completed mastery of the obstreperous little gas destroyer.

It is the sheriff's intentions of teaching all his aids the art of sitting behind the wheel and driving straight ahead without kicking over curbstones, fences and other obstruction that may be within a mile or more of the highway. The sheriff being an expert driver himself will teach his assistants with personal instructions.

No time will be wasted getting the ambulance corps in speedy running order. This haste is to be brought about in a hope of saving farm owners and tenants their spring crops. A week may be too late for in that time there will probably be a lot of planting and sowing done and it will be necessary then to keep the boys off the roads and borrow a several mile patch of "prairie" where they can shift the gears and turn the wheel at pleasure without any fear or menace to life and limb, or the destruction of too much personal property.

The car will be delivered forthwith. Court house attaches await with breathless expectancy the results.

DRAMA CLUB'S SECOND PERFORMANCE DRAWS ANOTHER BIG HOUSE

The Ottawa Drama Club's second performance of "Tommy's Wife" and "Ottawa Follies" attracted a large and enthusiastic audience to the Ottawa high school auditorium last night. Applause was frequent and as sincere as it was boisterous, for if ever an amateur crowd was entitled to enthusiastic handclaps from its auditors this organization of enterprising young people certainly deserved that compliment.

The performers carried the audience by storm and from the moment the curtains were divided showing the opening scene of "Tommy's Wife" until they closed on the finale in the "Follies."

The success of the two performances means that the annual play next year will draw out packed houses.

Miss Johnson's interpretive dance, with Miss Dorothy Gillen, as accompanist, was a clever bit of art and was received with acclaim by the audience.

FOUR POLICE ARE ADDED TO FORCE; ORDER BY PALMER

LOCAL FIREMEN ARE GRANTED
POLICE POWER—MAY BE PART
OF SECRET SERVICE MOVE—
PALMER OUT OF CITY.

BULLETIN.

A committee composed of Postmaster Dougherty, Chief of Police Eurich, Joseph Boissenin and Captain of Police Charles Montgomery appeared this afternoon asking for an increase in the salaries of the firemen and police. Jac. J. Dougherty acted as spokesman for the committee. No action was taken on account of the absence of Commissioners Palmer and Campbell from the meeting. The petition will be taken up Monday at the regular meeting of the council.

The Ottawa police department was placed on a "war footing" this morning when four new cops were added to the force. The newly recruit officers are: Edward Haley, Edward Houston, Harry Westcott and Peter Creed, all members of the fire department. At the order of Commissioner Palmer these men were sworn in and granted police power this morning.

Just what the reason was for swearing the men into police service is not known. Commissioner Walter B. Palmer was out of the city today and no statement could be secured.

Members of department are under the belief that on account of the war with Germany it is believed advisable to have additional protection in the city.

The muster of the firemen into service was kept very quiet none of the men would state why they were taken into the service.

Fireman Stevenson was the only member of the department who had police power and this was granted him during the crusade against wreckless driving by auto owners.

In view of the scores of incendiary fires, some of which are said to have been prompted by pro-German agitators, it is believed that Ottawa is following in the same path of larger cities where firemen have been granted police power.

CHANGE HOUR FOR FLAG DEDICATION

A change in the hours for the flagpole dedication and flag raising at the C. O. & P. shops west of town was announced this morning. The ceremonies instead of occurring at 10:30 o'clock a. m., will be held at 2:30 p. m. A complimentary three-car train will leave the O. H. S. with members of the cadet corps and Company C at 2 o'clock p. m. The following is the program that will attend the exercises:

Drill—by Company C and High School Cadets.

Selection by Cadet Band.

Introduction by Mayor E. F. Bradford.

Dedication by Rev. Chessman.

Dedication Speech by Andrew J. O'Connor.

"America" by Wm. Bradley.

"Star Spangled Banner" by Cadet Band.

The public is invited and there is plenty of parking space for automobiles.

SECRET SERVICE ON TRAIL OF RADIO PLANT 'SOMEWHERE' IN STATE

Chicago, April 12.—Federal secret service agents and navy radio experts today joined hands in an effort to run down a powerful wireless station which nightly is shooting out messages in code which so far has baffled attempts to decipher it.

One of these messages, intercepted by an amateur operator who confessed that he had continued to "listen in" after receiving an order to dismantle his plant, gave the authorities the first clue to the code, in which other operators have heard messages.

Despite orders to dismantle all radio stations at least fifty still are in operation, and the time limit having expired, at midnight, the hunt for them is on in earnest today.

NEW MEANS OF COMBATING SLACKERS FOUND IN CHICAGO

Chicago, April 12.—Slackers who have sought to evade army service by resorting to matrimony had another obstacle placed in their already rocky road today.

Ministers and officials empowered to perform marriage ceremonies declared they would not unite in marriage any couples of which the man was of military age unless there was a satisfactory explanation for the wedding.

Don't tell all you know. Keep a lid on it for seed.—Chicago News.

ARMY CONSCRIPTION PLEA TO BE MADE PEOPLE BY WILSON

PASS RESOLUTION FOR PAVEMENT IN NORTH DISTRICT

ENGINEER FARNSWORTH ESTIMATES THE COST AT \$51,482.82—COMMISSIONER HELFFRICH VOTES AGAINST IMPROVEMENT.

The public hearing of the north Ottawa pavement came up this morning before the Board of Local Improvements and there was no strenuous objections of the original resolution of paving the north district. The resolution providing for the improvement was adopted by a vote of three to one. The improvement will be of a concrete base with a vitrified brick surface.

Commissioner August M. Helffrich was the only member of the Board that voted against the improvement and he said he was against the proposition that ninety-five per cent of the property owners in that district has asked for a resurfacing job.

When a call was taken on the motion of Commissioner Campbell for the improvement Mayor Bradford, Commissioner Campbell and Engineer Farnsworth voted in favor of the improvement and Commissioner Helffrich voted against it.

Cost Over \$5,000.

The estimated cost of city Engineer Farnsworth for the improvement itself is placed at \$48,568.70. The Court cost is \$2,914.12, making a total cost of the improvement at \$51,482.82. When the north side district is finished a little over two miles of pavement will be added to the city.

The high cost is account on the width of the streets, the majority of them being forty-eight feet in width. La Salle street north of the bridge will be only thirty-six feet. But Columbus street, north of Marquette will be seventy-two feet.

AMI MARKESON LEFT \$99,000 ESTATE; NO WILL WAS PREPARED

The late Ami Markeson, wealthy retired farmer whose death occurred at his home in South Ottawa two weeks ago, did not leave a will disposing of his \$99,000 estate. A petition asking that the estate be administered was filed by Orville Varland today and letters to issue were granted him.

The property will be divided equally among the three daughters.

Mr. Markeson owned 355 acres of farm lands in Nettie Creek township, Grundy county, and an 80 acre farm in Miller township, this county. He also owned personal property consisting of cash and other collateral amounting to \$12,500. The realty is held to be worth in the petition, at \$86,000.

WOMAN RESENTS HER SQUAW STATUS WHEN BIG CHIEF IS CROOK

It was all right for Mary Data, of La Salle to marry Big Chief Bill Eagle Eye, as long as he remained just plain Indian, but when he developed into a 1917 model of an American and wrote checks to which he affixed others' signatures and landed in the penitentiary he went several notches too far from his natural bent.

So yesterday Mrs. Eagle Eye came to Ottawa, not literally, but figuratively, and filed a bill for divorce in the Circuit Court, giving Bill's record as a felon, as reasons whereupon she should be granted an absolute divorce with the permission of the court to resume her maiden name.

Mr. and Mrs. Eagle Eye were married in Princeton, October 1, 1914 and during the January term of the Bureau County Circuit Court, William was tried and convicted for forgery. He was sentenced to the pen, and, according to the complaining wife he is still a prisoner at that institution. The formal separation, she says, occurred on New Year's day, 1915.

WEALTHY EARLVILLE MAN GIVES WIFE ALL

James Van Horn, wealthy Earlville resident whose death occurred March 25, 1917, left his entire estate of \$81,000 value to his widow, according to the will which was filed for probate today. No other heirs are mentioned in the last testament.

Mr. Van Horn owned 400 acres of farming property near Earlville and personal property to the value of \$6,000.

PRESIDENT NOT TO FACE DEFEAT WITHOUT A FIGHT

OPPOSITION FORMS

MANY LEADERS ARE LINING UP
AGAINST ENFORCED SERVICE
PLAN—COUNTRY TO BE WARNED
OF DANGER.

By ROBERT B. SMITH.
(International News Service Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, D. C., April 12.—President Wilson will appeal directly to the people of the nation if he finds it impossible otherwise to overcome the opposition to his war plans. This was made very plain today when the chief executive resumed his conferences with senators and representatives to smooth out the obstacles to the conscription army plan.

The President, it is stated officially, intends that the country shall realize the great necessity for this measure being passed so that an adequate army can be organized to carry the fighting right to Germany. In order to disarm part of the opposition the war department has let it be known that when the selective draft bill is passed it will be willing to accept as volunteers some half a million men to fill the gaps in the national guard and present regular army line.

Teamwork between the White House and congress is somewhat strained at present. History is repeating itself and nearly every one in congress has his own idea as to how the war should be carried on.

Although Senator Stone and Representative Kitchin opposed the war resolution both of them are now lined up for the administration's policies and this is certain to help. But there is opposition materializing from unexpected sources that may prove embarrassing. It centers in the men utterly opposed to conscription and whose views now are being generally endorsed by the pacifist movement throughout the country.

Although opposition has been voiced to plans for sending an expeditionary army over seas, the administration is now worried. In this at least congress has no say. It cannot dictate how the army shall be utilized without creating a very dangerous precedent.

Washington, April 12.—There is to be no political alliance between the entente allies and the United States. Administration officials emphasized this fact today to forestall criticism already in evidence as the result of the announcement of the coming Anglo-French high commission headed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs Arthur J. Balfour. The joint commission, it is explained comes here to give the United States the benefit of its expert counsel. It will tell just how France and England are meeting the problem of food supplies, munitions and the like and the British members will give information as to the present methods in vogue in raising the army.

The complete personnel of the commission is withheld pending its actual arrival in this country. It will include, however, in addition to Mr. Balfour, eminent financiers and army and naval men. The French mission is headed by former Premier Viviani, at present minister of justice in the French Cabinet.

One of the questions that early will be discussed is the sending of a small force to its position on the firing line in Belgium. Already officials here have been made aware of the fact that there is a great yearning among the entente public to see the stars and stripes on the firing line. Another question to be considered will be the manner in which this government will extend its planned three billion dollar credit to the entente.

With Brazil joining Cuba in breaking with Germany, and Argentina and Costa Rica having given assurances of moral support, the entire American continent, with the exception of Mexico, promises to be solidly aligned in opposition to Germany within another week.

This fact and the wonderful successes of the British armies on the west front is believed here to be responsible for the rains of peace moves which are now widely circulated in Europe and the United States. Officials here say that so far as they can learn these peace reports have no solid foundation. In diplomatic circles the suggestion is made that Germany and Austria, thru neutral sources believed here to be Sweden and Switzerland—have been sounding out the various nations to see whether a renewal of the original peace offer would be better received at the present time.